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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT AU PRINCE 1599

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, HA

SUBJECT: THE INCIDENT AT MOLE ST. NICOLAS

REF: P-AU-P 1586

1. GOH HAS STILL MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT ON MOLE ST. NICOLAS INCIDENT, BUT WORD NOW SEEMS TO BE SPREADING IN PORT-AU-PRINCE THAT INCIDENT INVOLVED 3 AMERICANS IN AMERICAN-REGISTERED BOAT. DR. RENE CHARLES, EMBASSY MEDICAL ADVISER, TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 13 HE UNDERSTOOD FROM FRIENDS IN THE PALACE THAT GOH HAD CAPTURED 3 AMERICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOLE ST. NICOLAS INCIDENT AND THAT THE INCIDENT, WHATEVER IT WAS, WAS NOT SERIOUS. DR. CHARLES SAID HE HAD HEARD SMUGGLING WAS INVOLVED. LOCAL AGENCY FRANCE PRESS STRINGER CALLED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 14 TO ASK NAMES OF THREE AMERICANS HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES GOH HAD TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. (EMBASSY SAID IT UNABLE TO GIVE NAMES). AFP MAN ADDED HE WAS SATISFIED THERE HAD BEEN NO ATTEMPTED LANDING BY EXILES AND WAS REPORTING THIS.

2. AS KNOWLEDGE OF THE "MOLLY'S" CAPTURE SPREADS THROUGH
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THE GRAPEVINE HERE, RUMORS AND SPECULATION OF POSSIBLE

EXILE LANDING HAVE GREATLY ABATED, AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL. LOCAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 14 GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER'S SUBMISSION OF HIS ANNUAL BUDGET MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, LENDING IMPRESSION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS-AS-USUAL.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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